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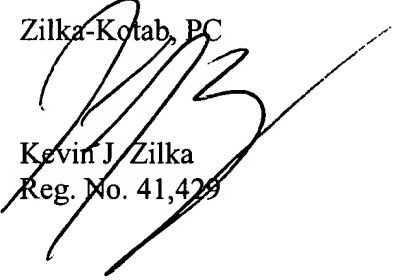
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The Examiner states that the prior art does not teach "executing an application capable of performing decision logic ... carried out using universal modules ..." In response, applicant asserts that the act of executing is not required by the claims to be carried out using universal modules, etc.

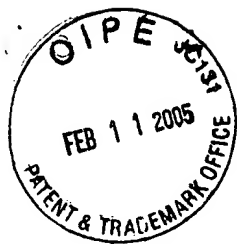
In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100.

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### Separate Letter to the Official Draftsperson

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby attach 2 sheets of replacement drawings (Figures 1a, and 1b) for the above-identified patent application. In the event that the Draftsperson has any questions concerning the formal drawings, he or she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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